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MR. F. A. HOSMER.

Of Great Barrington, Mass.-The New President for Oahu College.

When Mr. Bingham withdrew his acceptance of the Presidency of Oahn College, Dr. Hyde had only four weeks left of his allotted time in the States, to secure a president and bring him on. One week of most diligent search most happily resulted in finding a teacher of the requisite qualifications, who was willing and ready to come to Honolulu. Mr. Hosmer has shown his business and executive ability in closing up his business, selling his house and furniture, saying good bye to his friends, and leaving San Francisco for Honolulu, all in three | question. weeks' time.

Mr. Hosmer is a native of Woburn. a graduate of Amherst College, of the class of 1875. The first year after graduation he taught in the High School at Brinfield, Mass., where Dr. Hyde was once pastor. He taught two years in Palmer, Mass. But for ten years he has been the successful and popular principal of the High School in Great Barrington. Mass., the native town of Rev. Merchants Honolulu. H. I. F Dr. Beckwith. Maurice Beckwith has been for several years one of his pupils. Mr. Hosmer has been particularly favored in securing the good will and awakening the enthusiasm of his pupils. De Boies, the young negro who graduated this year at Harvard University with its highest honors, began his student career under Mr. Hosmer. Many of his pupils have entered Williams, Cornell, and other colleges of high grade. He was strongly recommendby Prof. Hitchcock for the High he was invited to the Lynn High not. I make no motion, but I shall ask School, to which he declined to go.

> the beautiful stone church built by Mrs. Hopkins of San Francisco. There were strong testimonies given of his helpful influence over more than 500 pupils. A most fitting memento was presented, a portfolio of table for the perusal of the members. In water color sketches in and around many cases the report seems to be the Great Barrington. The Berkshire "Courier," with which Mr. Hosmer had been connected on its editorial staff, has given its testimony to his worth as a citizen and a man in an oditorial article from which has a citizen and a man in an try, a thing in which they have no expeeditorial article from which we quote: rience, they get very theoretical. (The "The High School has had a steady career of growth and in which the committee recommend the usefulness up to the time of Mr. Hosmer's resignation. It has been of New York state.) The committee forget that in New York they have beattended by a good many young men and women from other towns, who had the intelligence to apprewho had the intelligence to appreciate its advantages. Mr. Hosmer gave his whole time and strength to the welfare of his rupils. No are the welfare of his pupils. No one | their pay every Saturday night, and they of them ever sought his counsel and get it, signing a voucher. After a month, assistance to be met with indiffer. say, the road board has a meeting, and assistance to be met with indifference. Any pupil, who for any reason, needed extra aid and instruction, received it without stint. After their graduation, Mr. Hosmer took an active concern in helping them to adopted, and all the vouchers sent to obtain employment as teachers and Honolulu before anything could be paid. otherwise. The relations between The thing is plainly utterly impractical. himself and his scholars were always admirable on both sides, dignified, courteous, yet familiar; and he receives from all who have been under his instruction that intelligent and abiding esteem which is the good teacher's best reward. Mr. Hosmer has always been a good citizen, interested in whatever would contri- answer this report. He was out boat bute to the public improvement. He was one of the original organizers of our Free Public Library, and has to be at his beck and call. He has not always given to it a great deal of care and labor. He has done good sire to meet any of the committee. The service as a member of the town's ex-minister, I am told, scouts the legal School Committee. As a teacher in view which the committee take of the the Sunday School of the Congrega- fire lot. The speaker stated the facts in the Sunday School of the Congregational Church, and in all ways open to him, he has tried to do his part towards the advancement of society. Mr. and Mrs. Hosmer should remain Mr. Gibson. The Minister claims that here, but he has been called to a fardistant position of honor and responsibility, and as he and his wife journey to their island home, they will be followed by the good wishes of everybody in this town."

The breaking out of the influ- Superintendent of Public Works made a broke down. The superintendent comenza in Iceland has caused a considerable panic, as the consequences any better, his accounts being so conthere have been serious. Of the fused. He relied on his memory or on 57,000 inhabitants in 1843, 2,000 his books, which were no more reliable the Superintendent of Public Works but died of the influenza, and in 1876, than his memory. He claims that we he has refused tenders, and then done 1,500 persons were carried off by ought to have examined his books, but the work at a greater cost. The speaker the same disease.

THE ADVERTISER IS THE was the Volcano road. The person who ward were allowed to raise their bid leading daily paper of the Kingdom offered to build it for \$30,000 was Peter \$1,100, as they had only bid on two sec-

Seventy-eighth Day.

Monday, Sept. 15.

The House met at 10 A. M. Prayer by Chaplain. Minutes of the preceding day read and approved.

Rep. Brown presented two petitions with over 300 names, one praying that section 2 of the proposed Sunday law do not pass, and the other that the whole bill be rejected. Referred to committee on the bill.

Noble Baldwin presented a petition with seventy-four names from Wailuku that the Sunday law remain as it is. Re-

ferred to committee on the bill. Rep. Kahookano presented a petition eighteen feet long from the Leper Settlement praying that Mr. Evans be retained in his place. Referred to Leper Com-

Rep. Kapaehaole presented a petition praying that the Board of Health induce Sister Rose Gertrude to remain as nurse at the Kalihi Hospital. Referred to Sanitary Committee.

Rep. Cummings reported several bills printed. Rep. Kapaehaole resolved that the minority report of the Committee on Education referring to the establishment of certain English schools be placed on the order of the day for September 16.

The object was to bring the matter before the House in order to settle the The resolution was adopted. The President appointed Select Committee on Governors Bill; Waipuilani, Wide-mann, Rickard, A. S. Wilcox and Hal-

Noble Pua asked Minister Spencer to ask the following question of the Board of Health: What were the reasons which led Sister Rose Gertrude to resign her position as nurse at the Kalihi Re-

ceiving Hospital? Bep. Brown moved the resolution be laid on the table. Carried. The House proceeded to the Order of

the Day. Rep. Brown moved sections 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the appropriation bill be con-Noble Muller moved the Finance Com-

mittee's report be considered. The President stated that was the Order of the Day.

Rep. Nawahi moved the report be adopted. Rep. Brown said when he voted he liked to know what he voted There was no statement as to the late ministry except that of the Finance Committee, which contains conclusions of law. If the late Ministry are in fault I am ready to vote for the adoption of the report. But the present situation is School in Portland, but declined unprecedented. There ought to be two the invitation. More recently also sides represented, and here there are

to be excused from voting. Noble Widemann said the But he found special attractions in was very extraordinary. If he believed the Presidency of Oahu College, and a successful future is prophesied for him by his many personal admirers. was very extraordinary. If he believed the Ministry not properly dealt with in that report, he ought to have made one himself. There was a report in 1884 The people of Great Barrington with which the hon gentleman was intendered him a farewell reception at timately connected. There was only one side to that, but we couldn't carry it. Noble J. M. Horner said if we adopted

the report it would amount to adopting all the recommendations of the committee. Some of these I can adopt, but some I cannot. I move it be laid on the work of theorists, and not of genuinely practical men, and they are thorough accountants, skillful in handling figures. speaker read an extract from the report, forget that in New York they have besides a state government, county township and municipal governments, which examines the vouchers. At the end of three months, say, a report is made to the Minister of the Interior. Now where would this Saturday night's pay come There are scores of other suggestions just as impractical. While there are other suggestions I approve of, and some

things I would like to see straightened out, I cannot vote for the adoption of the report. Noble Macfarlane said that it was pretty well understood that the late Minister should have all the opportunity to sailing all day Saturday and Sunday, and | furniture to that appropriation. might have had that time to prepare his answer. I do not think this House ought sent in any answer or expressed any dethat case, contending that the Minister had abused his power, and taken a course leading to collusion and fraud, a course which none except the late Minister he merely used his power to exchange lands. The result was, however, that he spent a great deal more than the appropriation, and that was a violation of law. The speaker proceeded to comment on a certain harbor dredging transaction and also on the Honolulu market. Also on the Lahaina jail, charging that the deliberate misstatement, not because he. plains of our account of moving of buildmeant to, but because he did not know ings. We find it cost the Government we are informed that he used to make up his books from those of the Interior bid on the Makiki ditch to Walker & up his books from those of the Interior Department. The next item referred to Redward. In that case Walker & Red-

Lee. Mr. Thurston and Mr. Rowell saw Mr. Lee in Kau, complimented him on the excellence of his road, and could not believe it only cost him \$10,000. He offered to build the whole road for \$30,-000, a road which will cost the Government \$125,000 or \$130,000. I do not state that Mr. Lee would have built as good a road, but it would have been good enough, as good as Mr. Lee's road in Kau, and as good as the country could afford. The Minister went, however, outside of all his authority, and borrowed money around town to go on with the road. The grossest kind of mismanage-ment prevailed in the construction of the road. The pay of lunas, etc., alone cost thirty per cent of the whole. The speaker proceeded to comment on the awarding of the custom house contract. It had been awarded on different specifications from those asked for. This was not fair to the others who bid. The speaker commented on \$800 spent on the Punchbowl road for repairs, as excessive, also again on certain concrete piers, which were laid and then removed, because the Minister of the Interior wanted to make a drive or something. He ought to have thought of that before. The speaker commented with considerable severity on the Road Board system. A planter would fix up the roads around his plantation, then turn the chairmanship of the Board over to another plantation manager to fix up the roads around his

Noble Cornwell said that was not the case on Maui. Noble Macfarlane said there were

plantation, etc.

doubtless many exceptions.

Noble Marsden said Noble J. M. Horner did not fix up the roads around his plantation at all, but at intermediate points. As a matter of fact the plantations had fixed up the roads around their plantations at their own expense.

Rep. R. W. Wilcox commented on the bad qualities of the present Cabinet. Rep. Kapaehaole rose to a point or order, asking the President to conform the member to the subject before them. The President so ruled.

Rep. Rickard spoke to the same effect as Rep. Kapaehaole, saying that he for one was ashamed and disgusted at the frequent outbursts of rubbish from Rep. R. W. Wilcox. Rep. R. W. Wilcox said he had a perfect right to discuss the committee re-

port. The report comments on certain

Government employees. If the report

is adopted, then these persons must be turned out by the Cabinet. Noble Widemann referred to the \$13,000 which the Minister of the Interior had borrowed from merchants to go on with the Volcano road. To authorize any Government officer to borrow money there must be a law. This contract was not authorized by law. Ought it not to be stamped on? The THUNDERER of September 11th contains an article by this man, Lorrin A. Thurston, I believe is his name, from which I will quote. (Reads). This conduct of the Minister is absolutely contrary to our Constitution and laws. That is what I say. Now we will see what the Supreme Court says (quoting Judge Dole's decision on the Bowler claim).

Now we see what this most excellent gentleman (L.A. Thurston) bimself says. The House took a recess till 1:30.

Afternoon Session. The House re-assembled at 1:30. Noble Baldwin said that as he understood it, to-morrow was the day for the discussion of this matter. He would however say a few words. It was the duty of the committee to examine the books of the Superintendent of Public Works. This item of piping is an illustration of the misleading use of figures. It looks on the face of it as though the

lowest bid were not accepted. Noble Macfarlane said that Noble Muller was going to speak on the piping and Noble McCarthy on some other matters, and it would be more in order to defer replying until they had spoken. Noble Muller spoke on the subject of the pipes, but our reporter could not catch

much, beyond the words "outrage" and "falsehood." Noble Burchardt said there was no use in examining the books of the Superintendent of Public Works. If the books of the Interior Department were wrong then Mr. Rowell's vouchers must be wrong, as the books were based on the vouchers. The question is merely then whether he is a careless book-keeper or has false vouchers. If the department reports do not agree with the books of the Interior Department, then they must be wrong. The details are only to be found in the department reports. The system is not of the best but it is in vogue. The appropriation for the court house was used up for the building, and then \$500 more was spent for furniture, which was charged to repairs to furni-ture of Government buildings. This, Mr. Rowell explains by saying that it has always been customary to charge

Noble McCarthy-Mr. President. Rep. Nawahi said he would like to see the discussion a little shorter. What they say is simply a rehash of their re-port. That simply wastes time use-

Noble McCarthy—As a member of the Finance Committee I would like to see the report adopted. The late Minister has been given ten days to answer, and now it becomes the duty of the House to act on the report. The speaker read a statement of the Superintendent of Public Works with regard to the water wheel at the electric works. Mr. J. C. White was employed to draw plans for a wheel. He did so. Then they asked for a larger wheel. He drew the plans. Then they asked for a still larger wheel, He drew the plans and this wheel was placed on the foundation intended for the smallest wheel. That was why it nearly \$8,000. The Enterprise Mill bid for \$3,900. I do not like to say much of